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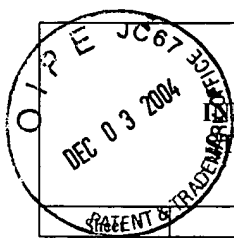
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X,Y	X:1-3,5-9,11-15;Y:4,10	WO 03/003634 A1 [MATSUSHITA] See abstract and Fig. 2.
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